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Budget Update

This week in Lansing my colleagues and I have made great progress on the budget. Throughout the budget process the Senate Republicans have been focused on responsible cuts and programs that will stimulate Michigan's economy. Next week looks to be another busy budget week as these issues are all brought before the full Senate Appropriations Committee. I am looking forward to the opportunity to discuss the budgets with my colleagues as I focus on what's best for the 35th district.

A highlight this week was winning the first battle in the fight for the Michigan Youth Correctional Facility in Baldwin. The facility has been fully funded in the Department of Corrections budget so that the citizens of Lake County will retain one of their largest employers. Keeping this facility open means that there are 228 families who will not suffer the loss of their breadwinner and the surrounding community will not see a dramatic rise in unemployment.

There is still a long road ahead and I welcome your thoughts and comments regarding funding of state priorities as the process continues. Please feel free to send your thoughts in writing to my office so that I may show my colleagues what is truly important to the people of Northern Michigan.

Governor Granholm to hold Reed City Office hours

As a reminder, Governor Granholm has scheduled office hours in Reed City and I would encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to express your views to the Governor. This is a great way to share your support or concerns regarding any issue with the Governor. The Governor's office is requesting that anyone wishing to speak with her submit a letter no later than Wednesday, June 8th outlining your reasons for requesting a meeting.

Thursday, June 23, 2005
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Location: To Be Announced

Request should be sent to:

Constituent Services Division
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909
Fax: 517-335-6863

Tips for Letter Writing

- Be sure to include your name, address, and phone number in the body of your letter.
- Use your own words; avoid using a pre-written form letter.
- Be brief and to the point when outlining your reasons for requesting a meeting with the Governor.

Contact Me

My door is always open. Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding state issues. You can reach my Lansing office by phone at: 517-373-1725; toll free at 866-305-2135, or contact my Cadillac District Office at 231-775-8599. If you received this as a forwarded message and would like to receive future legislative updates via e-mail, you can sign up at my website: <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/mcmanus>.